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Title	A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR IMPLEMENTING A SOFTWARE BRIDGE/ROUTER WITHIN A COMPUTER NETWORK		
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**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

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(preferred arrangement set forth below)  
- Descriptive title of the invention  
- Cross References to Related Applications  
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R&D  
- Reference to Microfiche Appendix  
- Background of the invention  
- Brief Summary of the invention  
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)  
- Detailed Description  
- Claim(s)  
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3. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC d113) [Total Sheets **5**]
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being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is  
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6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
7. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
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10. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
11. ☐ Information Disclosure [ ] Copies of IDS  
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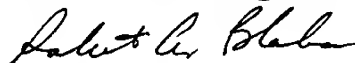
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1 Page of Abstract  
5 Pages of Informal Drawings  
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